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Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

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Thank you for your letter dated 16 October requesting the staff of the National Archives to continue the protection beyond thirty years of all unevaluated field intelligence reports (including [REDACTED]). I trust that our doing so will eliminate a sizable portion of the present backlog of documents of CIA origin in the custody of the National Archives requiring review by your staff.

I am concerned, however, with any application of this policy determination to field intelligence reports which were originated by the COI and the OSS, the earliest predecessors of the CIA. You should be aware that over 700 cubic feet of the records of the Research and Analysis Branch of the OSS were reviewed between 1973 and 1976, with just a few thousand documents withheld from release. These records contain tens of thousands of unevaluated field intelligence reports which have been made available to hundreds of researchers in recent years. OSS reviewers together with especially trained members of the staff of the National Archives' Records Declassification Division have also reviewed over 2,500 cubic feet of Army intelligence files containing additional thousands of field intelligence reports originated by the OSS. These too have been made available to numerous researchers.

In the light of this, I urge that you consider the field intelligence reports of the OSS as excluded from this determination. If this is agreeable, I would propose that your policy decision be applied to such formal CIG, SSU, and CIA field intelligence reports in the National Archives of the United States as have not already been made available to researchers in response to mandatory review under E.O. 11652 and Freedom of Information Act requests.

One further matter. Executive Order 11652 obliges the head of department to set a date when information determined to require continued protection beyond thirty years can be declassified. Executive Order 12065 (which becomes effective on December 1) specifies that when an Agency head determines that classification should be extended beyond thirty years, that "... a date no more than ten years later shall be set for declassification or for the next review." Clearly we will not be able to identify and mark the date you determine for automatic declassification on very many documents before December 1. I suggest, therefore, that we begin on December 1, 1978, marking the post-1945 field intelligence reports in our custody for review again ten years from the date of our initial review of the particular report. If it is

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Your comments on these points are urgently requested. We do not feel that we can proceed until we hear further from you.

Sincerely,



JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

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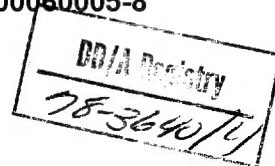


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : Michael J. Malanick
Associate Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Retention of Classification of
Unevaluated Intelligence Reports

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1. Action Requested: Attached for your signature is a letter to the U.S. Archivist, Dr. James Rhoads, replying to his implementation suggestion for protecting unevaluated intelligence reports ([REDACTED] and field intelligence reports) in the custody of the National Archives and Records Service.

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2. Background: In your letter of 16 October 1978 to Dr. Rhoads you identified unevaluated [REDACTED] and field intelligence reports as requiring continued protection in the interest of national security. In his response of 3 November 1978, Dr. Rhoads suggests that continued protection begin with unevaluated intelligence reports of SSU, CIG, and CIA. COI and OSS reports (1941-1945) would continue to be systematically reviewed by CIA as at present, with those declassified placed in the public domain and those requiring continued protection listed annually for your certification. Dr. Rhoads' suggestion is positive and presents the opportunity for you to confirm continued protection under E.O. 12065, effective 1 December 1978, of unevaluated intelligence reports for SSU, CIG, and CIA in the custody of the National Archives and Records Service. (Your letter of 16 October 1978 applies only to 30 November 1978 when E.O. 11652 expires.)

The new E.O. 12065 requires that when an agency head extends classification beyond 20 years, or 30 years for foreign government information, a date no more than ten years later shall be set for declassification or for the next review unless a waiver for certain categories of information is requested from and granted by the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office. Pending the activation

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of the Information Security Oversight Office and the time required for CIA to process a waiver to extend the period between reviews for certain categories of information, it is considered appropriate to request the Archivist to refrain from setting a next review date on unevaluated [REDACTED] and field intelligence reports except in those cases considered necessary.

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3. Recommendation: That you sign the attached letter to the United States Archivist.

/s/ Michael J. Malanick

Michael J. Malanick

Attachment: a/s

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Dr. James B. Rhoads
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
Eighth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Dr. Rhoads:

Thank you for your letter dated 3 November 1978 concerning the continued protection of unevaluated intelligence reports.

I am in agreement that unevaluated intelligence reports of the COI and OSS accessioned by other agencies to the National Archives and Records Service as permanent records and which have been systematically reviewed and declassified should continue to remain in the public domain. The systematic review by CIA of remaining COI and OSS reports at the National Archives will continue until all such reports have been reviewed. Those declassified can be made available to the public and I will certify those for which continued protection is required in the interest of national security.

I further agree that unevaluated [REDACTED] and field intelligence reports, identified in my letter of 16 October 1978 as requiring continued protection in the interest of national security, should apply to such formal CIG, SSU, and CIA unevaluated intelligence reports in the custody of the National Archives and Records Service as have not already been made available to researchers in response to mandatory review under E.O. 11652 and FOIA requests. Such application would continue under Executive Order 12065 when it becomes effective on 1 December 1978.

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It is recognized that E.O. 12065 requires that when an Agency head extends classification beyond 20 years, or 30 years for foreign government information, a date no more than ten years later shall be set for declassification or for the next review, unless a waiver is granted by the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office for certain categories of information. Pending the activation of the Information

Security Oversight Office and the time to process a CIA waiver request to extend the period between reviews for certain categories of information, it would be appreciated if the National Archives would refrain from marking a next review date on unevaluated SSU, CIG, and CIA reports over 20 years of age or over 30 years for foreign government information. Should it be necessary in some cases to set a date for next review, a 10-year period is, of course, acceptable.

Your cooperation in these matters is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER



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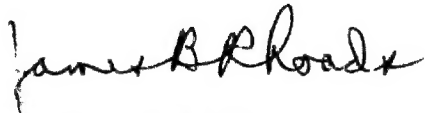
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James B. Rhoads".

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

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